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No. 2 Post in CIA: To a Military Man?

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President Kennedy would prefer to name a civilian as the important number two man in the Central Intelligence Agency, but he is expected to bow to heavy Congressional pressure and name a military man to the post.

A qualified source said, however, that the President personally would rather name a civilian to the \$20,500-a-year post of deputy director under John A. McCone, the new CIA director.

Under a Jan. 18 Presidential order the post of deputy director assumes a much greater importance than it has in the past. Mr. Kennedy has instructed Mr. McCone to act as the overall coordinator of foreign intelligence in the government.

Letter to McCone

"As head of the Central Intelligence Agency," Mr. Kennedy instructed Mr. McCone in a letter, "I shall expect you to delegate to your principal deputy, as you may deem necessary, so much of the direction of the detailed operation of the agency as may be required to permit you to carry out your primary task as director of central intelligence" for the entire government.

However, the Senate Armed Services Committee, principally its chairman, Sen. Richard B. Russell, D., Ga., and one of its prominent members, Sen. Stuart Symington, D., Mo., have made it clear to the White House that they want a military officer as Mr. McCone's deputy. This is also presumably a reflection of the Pentagon's view.

Under the law, the President is free to name either a civilian or a military officer as deputy. The law states that the two top CIA positions shall "at no time" be occupied simultaneously by military officers.

Mr. McCone replaced Allen W. Dulles as director on Nov. 29. On Jan. 31, Gen. Charles P. Cabell, deputy director of CIA since 1953, retired from both the agency and the Air Force. Gen. Cabell was head of air force intelligence before joining the CIA. His retirement created a vacancy in the post of deputy director

New Post for Blisell

Richard M. Blisell Jr., CIA deputy director for plans, has been offered a high Pentagon post, but may remain in the intelligence agency. Mr. Blisell is a former economics professor at Yale and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was deputy administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration before his appointment to CIA. He has both strong critics and defenders within the government for his role in the abortive Cuban invasion last April.

There is no expected change in the status of Robert Amory Jr., CIA deputy director for intelligence. A former Harvard Law School professor, he joined the agency in 1952.

During hearings before the Armed Services Committee on Jan. 18, Sen. Russell, Sen. Symington and Sen. Prescott Bush, R., Conn., all expressed preference for appointment of a military man as deputy to Mr. McCone.

Mr. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, told the committee

that would be "a most satisfactory arrangement," explaining: "In the first place, military men are usually well trained in administrative responsibilities and this will be a big administrative task. And, secondly, there is an intimate inter-relationship between the agency and the military establishment. And, finally, by law, in the event of war, a very substantial section of the agency goes into the military command."

Hayward Considered

"I would hope, in summary," he would first look over the available military officers to see if one might be available who had the competence and the qualifications for the job. That would be my preference."

If President Kennedy follows custom, as is expected, he will approve Mr. McCone's suggestion for a deputy. Each of the armed services is said to have submitted the names of three ranking officers as suggested nominees. Vice-Adm. John T. Hayward, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Development, is one of those reported under serious consideration. Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, Army research and development chief, is no longer under consideration.

Under active consideration, however, is Maj. Gen. William W. Quinn, former Army chief of information and now deputy director of the merged Defense Intelligence Agency. If Gen. Quinn is moved over to CIA, however, this would fill one vacancy but create another in the post of deputy director of defense intelligence.

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